

admire the letters, &
think they were needed;
that they have done great
good & will do more).

When our minds need
Stretching, (a painful process)
it is generally, as Emerson
observed the other day at
the Music hall, some for-
eigner that does it for
us. I am always
grateful to them that do it.

I am not therefore
the proper person to recom-
mend or even suggest any

action on the part of the
Ex. Com. to whom it be-
longs, for stopping these letters.
But I would gladly see
the matter in a more
creditable shape for the Amer-
ican A. S. Soc. than it now
is. Our best plea for the
Standard is, that articles can
be printed there, which could
be printed nowhere else.
But as the matter now
stands, we have forfeited that
distinction, & stand exactly as
other journals do - printing
only what suits the subser-
bers. It would relieve the

Standard of that, (after all
this has been said & done
somewhat at the expense of
the St. Com. to be sure,) for
the St. Com. to appoint
some one to communicate
to Mr. Martineau as far
as possible ^{in case of need} which was the true way, & should have given a
certain understanding, that
we do not wish for any more
open letters. I could not say so, for
really need the information.
being myself ignorant, do not
desire a tone of deference from
superior information. And I
find no more arrogance or
insolence in these letters than
from the outset of the cause.)